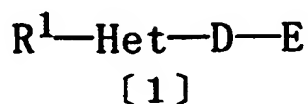


## ABSTRACT

The present invention provides a preventive or therapeutic agent for hyperlipidemia, comprising as an active ingredient a heterocyclic compound of the formula  
5 [1], or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof:



wherein:

R<sup>1</sup> is optionally substituted aryl or aromatic  
10 heterocyclic group, Het is a divalent aromatic heterocyclic group, D is alkylene, alkenylene, alkynylene, or the like, and E is carboxy, or the like, and novel compounds among the heterocyclic compounds of the formula [1] above, which has blood triglyceride lowering effect, LDL-C lowering  
15 effect, and blood glucose lowering effect and blood insulin lowering effect, or HDL-C increasing effect or atherogenic index lowering effect all together, and hence is useful in the prevention or treatment of hyperlipidemia, arteriosclerosis, diabetes mellitus, hypertension, obesity,  
20 and the like.